

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1037–S1216

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 586–611, and S. Res. 95–96. **Pages S1119–21**

Measures Passed:

CONFUCIUS Act: Senate passed S. 590, to establish limitations regarding Confucius Institutes. **Page S1043**

Measures Considered:

Secretary of Defense Appointment Limitation Exception: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 11, to provide for an exception to a limitation against appointment of persons as Secretary of Defense within seven years of relief from active duty as a regular commissioned officer of the Armed Forces. **Page S1037**

American Rescue Plan Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1319, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 5, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1051–S1117**

Pending:

Schumer Amendment No. 891, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S1051–S1117**

Prior to the consideration of this measure, Senate took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. 73), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S1051**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9 a.m., on Friday, March 5, 2021; that there be 3 hours of debate remaining, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two managers or their designees; and that it be in order for Senator Sanders to offer the first amendment. **Page S1216**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—73) **Page S1051**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon on Thursday, March 4, 2021 and adjourned at 2:05 a.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021, until 9 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1216.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Colin Hackett Kahl, of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM, WORKERS, AND THE RACIAL WEALTH GAP

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how the financial system hurts workers and widens the racial wealth gap, after receiving testimony from Abbye Atkinson, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law; Darrick Hamilton, The New School and the Institute on Race and Political Economy, New York, New York; and Glenn Cartman Louri, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Debra Anne Haaland, of New Mexico, to be Secretary of the Interior.

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 117th Congress:

Subcommittee on Energy: Senators Hirono (Chair), Wyden, Sanders, Heinrich, King, Cortez Masto, Hickenlooper, Hoeven, Risch, Murkowski, Lankford, Cassidy, Hyde-Smith, and Marshall.

Subcommittee on National Parks: Senators King (Chair), Sanders, Heinrich, Hirono, Kelly, Daines, Lee, Murkowski, Hoeven, and Lankford.

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining: Senators Cortez Masto (Chair), Wyden, Heinrich, Hirono, King, Kelly, Hickenlooper, Lee, Risch, Daines, Murkowski, Lankford, Cassidy, and Hyde-Smith.

Subcommittee on Water and Power: Senators Wyden (Chair), Sanders, Cortez Masto, Kelly, Hickenlooper, Hyde-Smith, Risch, Lee, Hoeven, and Marshall.

Senators Manchin and Barrasso are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David Turk, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Van Hollen and former Senator Conrad, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Director, who was introduced by Senators Leahy and Cassidy, and Jason Scott Miller, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director for Management, who was introduced by Representative Stevens, both of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at noon on Monday, March 8, 2021.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing on legislation on Insular Area Climate Change Act. Testimony was heard from Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner, Department of Planning and Natural Resources, U.S. Virgin Islands; Rafael A. Machargo Maldonado, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, Puerto Rico; and public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZING TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE: OPPORTUNITIES FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS AND MODERNIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing entitled "Reauthorizing Trade Adjustment Assistance: Opportunities for Equitable Access and Modernization". Testimony was heard from Shelly Forsberg, Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Manager, Oregon; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VSO LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and House Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committees continued

joint hearings to examine the legislative presentation of veterans services organizations, after receiving testimony from James W. Oxford, Vincent James Troiola, Lawrence Montreuil, Ralph Bozella, Mario Marquez, Daniel Seehafer, and Joe Sharpe, all of The American Legion; John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America; David Zurfluh, Paralyzed Veterans of America; Jeffrey Sacks, Jewish War Veterans of the United States; Ernie Rivera, Military Order of the Purple Heart; Lieutenant General Michael S. Linnington, USA (ret.), Wounded Warrior Project; and Jeremy Butler, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

Hearing will next convene on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Status of Department of Veterans Affairs Infrastructure", 10:30 a.m., Webex.